



# Early Learning Matters

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**Polson Public Schools  
Early Learning Matters (ELM)**



## Let's Talk and Sing

**Talking and singing to and with your toddler develops his/her language skills.**

Some ways to involve your toddler in talking and singing are:

- ❖ Choose a subject that she enjoys. For example, you might talk about a pet, toy or family members.
- ❖ Add as many descriptive words as you can while you talk. For example a big dog could also be described as huge, gigantic, enormous or massive. Children at this age love words and can learn new words very easily.
- ❖ Compare items that could be described with the same descriptive words. For example, "This block is hard. The sidewalk is hard too."
- ❖ Sing to your child and to your child's stuffed animals and dolls.
- ❖ Children don't care if you sing well, they just like to hear singing and love to join in.
- ❖ Help the child's toy act out a song, such as "If you're Happy and You Know It". Take the arms of a doll or stuffed toy and "clap" them with the song. "Pop Goes the Weasel" is another great song for acting out with dolls or stuffed animals. Soon your child will be following along. Then give the doll or stuffed animal to your toddler and help him/her do the actions.
- ❖ Children often like to make up their own songs. Have fun singing funny made-up songs with your child.

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